

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-844-E - ORDER NO. 98-626

AUGUST 13, 1998

IN RE: Duke Power Company – Integrated Resource) ORDER ON DSM *✓ne*
Plan (IRP).) MODIFICATIONS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Duke Energy Corporation d/b/a Duke Power (Duke or the Company) for approval to modify its Existing Residential Housing Program (SC), a Demand Side Management (DSM) Program, in several ways.

First, Duke proposes to discontinue payments for central air conditioning or air distribution systems tune-ups (HVAC tune-ups). According to Duke, interest in the program has declined, while the costs of administering the program have increased significantly. Also, Duke has ceased making direct payments in other DSM programs. Duke states, however, that it will make loans available for qualifying HVAC service or repairs under its Residential Energy Products Loan offering, which is currently part of Duke's Existing Residential Housing Program.

Second, Duke proposes to include the financing of the fossil fuel portion of dual fuel heat pump systems, which includes split systems. This change is made at the request of heat pump dealers.

Third, the Company proposes to modify the loan arrangements of its Residential Energy Products Loan such that the interest rates will not exceed the rate allowed under the South Carolina Code of Laws. For several reasons, Duke believes that this change will provide financing options which might otherwise have been unavailable for customers who wish to purchase heating and cooling systems.

As per the Duke Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) procedural Order, the proposal was served on all parties to Duke's IRP Docket. The parties had sixty (60) days to comment on the proposed revisions. No comments were received during this period. The matter now comes before us for consideration.

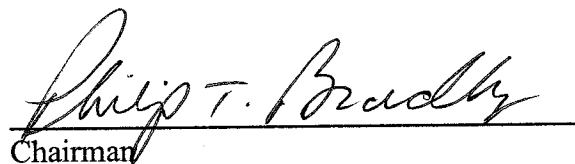
Upon examination, it appears to us that the proposed changes are consistent with Duke's approved IRP procedures as filed. We think that, on the whole, the proposed changes are consumer friendly, and, in at least one case, will aid consumers in finding financing options that would not have been otherwise available to them.

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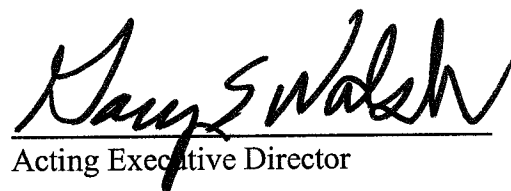
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSISON:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

(SEAL)

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-350-E - ORDER NO. 98-625

AUGUST 13, 1998

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power & Light Company)	ORDER GRANTING
for Approval of Premier Power Service)	APPROVAL OF
(Experimental) Rider PPS-2 and Premier)	NEW SERVICE
Power Service Contract.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) for approval of Premier Power Service (Experimental) Rider PPS-2 and the Premier Power Service Contract. Rider PPS is a voluntary program for non-residential customers requesting that CP&L install, maintain, and operate a minimum of 200 kW of generation to be located on the customer's premise. The sole purpose of the generation, according to CP&L, is to serve as an alternate supply of electricity in the event that normal electric supply is interrupted due to events beyond CP&L's control. The Rider establishes terms and conditions for rendering Premier Power Service. The Rider also includes a Monthly Rate provision which will determine a customer-specific charge which reflects the cost incurred in providing the service. The availability of the service has been requested by numerous customers who desire an improved continuity of service, but also desire to avoid ownership of emergency-type generation. The Company proposes a 5-year experimental period for this Rider.